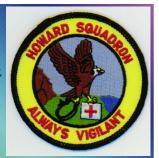


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### The Commander's View

We have come to the end of another year and almost one year at our new location, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. The past year has been a busy one with numerous emergency transmitter locator searches, crashed airplane searches, and search and rescue exercises. We have had several of our outstanding cadets receive college scholarships - C/2d Lt Dia Kinnaman is now attending Virginia Tech University on an ROTC scholarship, C/2d Lt Brendon Terry is now attending North Georgia State University on an ROTC scholarship, and C/2d Lt Sarah Haack is now attending the U.S. Naval Academy. Three of our cadets have received their Mitchell Awards this year - C/2d Lt Avi Chandra, C/2d Lt Daniel Haack, and C/2d Lt David Wainland. Also, we have had several cadets earn their ground team member badges. Many of our cadets attended glider encampment, Tri-Wing Encampment, and HCS fund raisers.

With these high points in mind, we are planning to have just as good a year in 2002. Our 2002 schedule includes a trip to the Ft. Meade Cryptographic Museum, a trip to the Garber Restoration Facility (an annex of the Smithsonian Institution), a recruiting booth at the Columbia Festival this summer, and several search and rescue exercises. More activities are in the planning phase. Our biggest objective is, as always, recruiting more cadets. Please don't keep Howard Composite Squadron a secret.

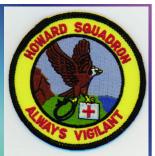
I want to thank everyone again for all of your participation and help. Here's looking forward to a great 2002.

- Ron Whitehead, LtC, CAP

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#### Holiday Reception and Awards Presentation

On Dec 20, Howard Composite Squadron recognized the receipt of one Earhart award and two Mitchell awards by three talented and hard working cadets. Our squadron was pleased to share the important milestones achieved by C/Capt Dan Steciak, C/2d Lt Dan Haack, and C/2d Lt Avi

C/Capt Dan
Steciak
receives
the
Earhart
Award



Chandra with the Howard County Executive, Mr. James Robey and several other dignitaries from the Maryland Wing staff. Mr. Robey was ably assisted by Group IV Commander LtC Tom Mclellan and LtC Phyllis Griffin in the awards presentations.

In his closing remarks Mr. Robey contrasted his visit that morning to the WTC "ground zero" site with the clear sense of hope he felt in seeing the efforts of youth in activities like

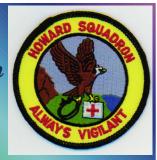
CAP. Having only limited previous experience with CAP, he seemed pleased to be introduced to our efforts in ES and the community.

With a remarkably timed phone call, C/2d Lt Dan Haack learned from Congressman Ben Cardin's office that he had been nominated to all three service academies! The smart money seems put on him attending the Naval Academy, but then again that will make sister Sarah his upper classmate.

The abundant turnout of parents, former cadets, and friends was appreciated by all. A Howard County Sun article, by Heather Tepe, on the event can be browsed at — [http://www.sunspot.net/news/local/howard/bal-ho.tepe27dec27.story].



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#### Promotions & Awards

Cadets: Crone, Grey Amn -- Curry; Chandra, Avinash 2d Lt -- Mitchell; Faison, Rodney SrA -- Wright; Griffin, Andrew A1C -- Arnold; Haack, Dan 2d Lt -- Mitchell; Hudson, Emily SMSgt -- Goddard, Doolittle; Medoff, Richie Amn -- Curry; Perkins, Greg Amn -- Curry; Summe, Scott SSgt -- Rickenbacker; Verble, Austin A1C -- Arnold; Wainland, David 2d Lt -- Mitchell, Armstrong.

**Ground Team Member** Qualification Badge -- C/2d Lt's Avi Chandra and David Wainland.

#### Public Affairs

The Squadron engaged in help to the Boy Scouts at a recent orienteering activity held in the Jug Bay Natural Resource Area on Dec 9, 2001. LtC Kevin Redman was joined by 1st Lt Doug Perkins and cadets Steciak, Wainland, Chandra, Hudson, Griffin, Rockstroh, and Perkins on a training day that included a litter carry, land navigation and orienteering, plant and animal hazard identification, and the finding of two strayed yourg scouts.

Web Site (hcs.mdwg. cap.gov)

Detailed pages are *still* especially welcome from the Senior Programs, Leadership, and ES Training activities. The Yahoo Groups site has also seen the start of a photo album, from which members can order prints.

Quarterly Order of the Wingnut

Awarded to the Pentagon architect of that peculiar policy forcing Air Force female pilots to wear the black garb of Arab women while off base in Saudi Arabia.